

SENATE BILL NO. 526

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BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE FINANCE AND CLAIMS STANDING COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE STATE EXPENDITURE LIMIT; EXCLUDING MONEY DEDICATED TO A SPECIFIC PURPOSE BY MEANS OF A BALLOT ISSUE AND UTILIZATION FEES OR TAXES IMPOSED ON HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND PROVIDERS FROM EXPENDITURE CALCULATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 17-8-105, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 17-8-105, MCA, is amended to read:

"17-8-105. Definitions applicable to expenditure limitation. As used in 17-8-106, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Montana total personal income" means the current income from all sources received during a particular period of time by persons residing within Montana as determined by the United States department of commerce or its successor agency.

(2) (a) "State expenditures" means the general fund appropriations, the state special revenue fund type appropriations other than those excluded under subsection (2)(b), and the cash portion of the appropriations in the capital projects fund type;

(b) The term does not include ~~excluding~~:

~~(a)~~(i) money received from the federal government;

~~(b)~~(ii) payments of principal and interest on bonded indebtedness;

~~(c)~~(iii) money paid for unemployment or disability insurance benefits;

~~(d)~~(iv) money received from the sale of goods or services provided that the purchase of the goods or services is discretionary;

~~(e)~~(v) money paid from permanent endowments, constitutional trusts, or pension funds;

~~(f)~~(vi) proceeds of gifts or bequests made for purposes specified by the donor;

1 ~~(g)~~(vii) money appropriated for tax relief; ~~and~~
2 ~~(h)~~(viii) funds transferred within state government or used to purchase goods for resale;
3 (ix) money dedicated to a specific use or uses by a ballot issue; and
4 (x) utilization fees or taxes imposed on health care providers or facilities that are used to increase state
5 payments for services to providers or facilities."

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7 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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